

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

LPA MEETING

May 17, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Miami Lakes Middle School

6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk, Debra Eastman read the roll. In addition to the Mayor the following were present: Councilmember Pizzi, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Thomson, and Councilmember Simon. Also in attendance were Town Manager, Alex Rey and Town Attorneys, Nina Boniske and Michael Marrero, from the law firm of Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Cole & Boniske, P.A.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Mayor led the pledge.
- 4. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING – PUBLIC HEARING:**

Town Attorney, Michael Marrero read the proposed ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, ARTICLE XVA, RU-TH TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT, DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED USES, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SITE PLAN REVIEW; MAINTENANCE OF COMMON AREA, PLATTING REQUIREMENTS AND TREES; ALL AS INCLUDED IN EXHIBIT “A” HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager, Alex Rey asked Town Planner, Armando Valdes to explain the specifics of the ordinance. Mr. Valdes explained each section of the Town House and Multi-family District ordinance as distributed. There was discussion from the council regarding grandfathering, challenges of limited parking in this district, awnings, homeowner’s associations, Architectural Review Board, and deed restrictions. Councilmember Thomson suggested that awnings be defined in the beginning of the text as fabric/cloth and then could be referred to within the document as awnings, making the meaning clear. After some discussion, Town Attorneys will include additional language before the next meeting that will address the transition from the current Architectural Review Board to a local

planning review committee that would make recommendations to the Town Council.

The Mayor recognized several people from the audience to speak. Aida McCarthy spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Sherry Oldenberry spoke in favor and asked for the ordinance to include a limitation to the number of dogs and spoke of problems specific to Lake Cynthia. Melba Gonzalez stated that aluminum awnings should be allowed to exist if painted. Eileen Scurio questioned the chain of appeal if there is no homeowners association. Joseph Saks spoke regarding the challenges at Miami Lakes Golf Course Village and their multiple associations.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Collins moved acceptance of the ordinance on first reading with the changes discussed. It was seconded by Councilmember Thomson.

There was discussion regarding restricting the number of dogs in a unit, existing awnings, pooper scooper law, and how deed restrictions relate to the town ordinances.

The question was called by Councilmember Collins and the Mayor requested the Clerk call the roll. All present were in favor with Councilmember Meador and Vice Mayor Alonso being absent.

The Mayor adjourned the LPA meeting at 9:35 PM.

Approved this _____ day of June, 2005.

Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

Debra E. Eastman, Town Clerk